

## Our Question Drawer.

In this column any suitable question will be answered by the Editor. All questions, however, to receive attention, must be signed by the author, not for publication, but for our protection.

QUERY 1.—Is it in harmony with the example and teaching of Christ for one brother to pour the water and another to officiate in washing feet?

QUERY 2.—Is it in harmony with the teachings of the word of God to use two cups at our Communion service?

QUERY 3.—Is it in harmony with the word of God for each member to eat the Communion bread when broken, or should he tarry until all have a piece broken to them?

ANSWER.—In answer to No. 1. we would say that we have never known where each member that washes feet also pours the water, nor do we think it at all necessary. In reply to No. 2, the Word speaks of the cup and not cups, but we do not think that the use of more than one cup is out of harmony with God's word. As to No. 3, the Word says nothing about it one way or another, but to us it would seem more appropriate to tarry one for another.

It should be remembered that on these questions our Saviour gave no directions, and that very wisely. It is left for local congregations to decide, and to us are matters of indifference. Please read what Brother McFaden says along this line.

QUERY 4.—Do the readers of the EVANGELIST highly appreciate the portraits that have appeared in its columns or not? We do not refer to noted divines as Brother Holsinger, Nicholson, Brown, but individuals of no note whatever, that are not known outside of their own congregation, or could that space be used in a better way? Would an article from some brother or sister be better food for the soul, or add more to our spiritual development? Our Editor has in his possession articles or one to our knowledge that he had for six months or more, acknowledged by him to be of good thought, has not been published and still calls for contributions for the paper.

ANSWER.—It is difficult for us to answer the above inquiry, as we do not know whether our readers "highly appreciate" the portraits and biographies or not. We would prefer to have our readers answer the query. We do not remember of any such portraits appearing in the EVANGELIST, as the brother refers to—known only to the congregation in which they reside. As to the article in question, we have al-

ready informed the brother that if he will prepare his copy so that it does not require rewriting on our part we will publish it. Contributors must not ask us to rewrite regular contributed articles. Church news, deaths, marriages, etc., we often rewrite, but we must be excused from this extra burden in the case of matter intended for contributors' department.

## Our Dead.

ANTHONY.—In the Oakland, Pa., congregation, July 29, 1895, brother John B. Anthony, in the 71st year of his age. Truly a father in Israel has fallen asleep. Although he longed to be absent from the body and present with the Lord, he waited patiently for the last call. As he said to the writer, on several occasions, "I am just waiting for God to send the messenger." The inscription, "At Rest," on his casket forcibly bore testimony to the grand triumph he achieved. As we looked into his face, it told us by its peaceful expression, that he drank the sweetness of I Cor. 15:55. "Oh death, where is thy sting, oh grave where is thy victory." Funeral services by the writer, from I Cor. 15:49. May God in his infinite love, over shadow Sister Anthony and family, is the desire of my heart.

D. J. HETRICK.

FORMAN.—John G. Forman was born in Carroll Co., Md., Dec. 18, 1835, departed this life July 23, 1895, aged 59 years, 7 months and 4 days. He was a member of the Bethel, Ind., Brethren church, having united with this church six years ago. He, previous to that time, had been a member of the M. E. church, but became convinced that trine immersion was the Bible mode; hence this change in church relationship. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn their loss. Their loss is his eternal gain. Funeral sermon by Rev. Cahn, from Matt. 25:6. May the Lord comfort the bereaved family in this their sad affliction.

J. C. FRANK.

PHILLIPS.—In the Cornell congregation, Livingston Co., Ill., on July 29, A. D., 1895, sister Betsy Phillips, aged nearly 26 years. Sister Phillips fell a victim to that dreaded disease consumption some years ago, and after much and long suffering, through all of which she showed that patient disposition so peculiar to a true child of God. Through her death our church has lost a faithful member and worker in the Master's vineyard, always ready to do the part that befell her. She united with the Brethren church at this

place in January, 1893, under the preaching of Brother Bashor, and was baptized in August following, by brother D. Mast. She leaves a father, three brothers, one sister and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. But whatever may be our loss here on earth is her gain in the world of joy and bliss. Her mother having preceded her to the better land some three years ago. May the evidence she left behind, the words of warning and encouragements she uttered, and that unbounded peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord forever. Words of comfort, and consolation, and warning, were spoken at the funeral services by Rev. Horace Taffany, of the M. E. church, at the M. E. church, from the text, "For what is your life," James 4:14. After which we laid her to rest by the side of her mother in the Cornell cemetery, to await the resurrection trumpet sound. May God grant that we may all meet her again in the morning of that great day.

J. J. VANDERREE.

## RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

WHEREAS it has pleased our heavenly Father, the disposer of events to remove from our midst our late worthy member and well beloved sister Betsie Phillips and

WHEREAS the intimate relation long held by the deceased with the members of our society render it proper that we should place upon record our appreciation of her services as a worthy member of our S. S. C. E. and her merits as a woman and a Christian. Therefore,

*Resolved* that we deeply deplore the loss of Betsie Phillips with deep feelings of regret, softened only by the hope that her spirit is with those who, having fought the good fight here, are enjoying perfect happiness in a better world.

*Resolved* that we tender to her afflicted relatives our sincere condolence and our earnest sympathy in their affliction at the loss of one who was an earnest Christian, a devoted member of our S. S. C. E. and an upright woman.

*Resolved* that a copy of the forgoing resolutions, signed by the president, and certified by the secretary, of our Sisters' society of Christian Enedavor be transmitted to the relatives of the deceased. Also a copy to be spread upon our records and one to be sent to the BRETHREN EVANGELIST for publication.

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MEN who think right seldom act wrong.